

between the single-prime and separate prime systems under this subsection must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(b) (d) Single-prime contracts. -- Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the State, a county, municipality, department, board, commission, public hospital, or other public body, or an officer thereof may accept bids under the single-prime contract system and may prequalify bidders for all construction contracts, system.

If the State, county, municipality, or other public body chooses to use accepts bids under the single-prime contract system, it must also seek bids for the project under subsection (a) of this section the separate prime contract system and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders for the total project, project, taking into consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract.

For When bids are accepted under the single-prime contract system all bidders must identify on their bid the contractors they have selected for the subdivisions or branches of work for:

- (1) Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning;
- (2) Plumbing;
- (3) Electrical; and
- (4) General.

No contractor whose bid is accepted shall substitute any person as subcontractor in the place of the subcontractor listed in the original bid, except with the approval of the awarding authority for good cause shown by the contractor. The terms, conditions, and requirements of each contract between the contractor and a subcontractor performing work under a subdivision or branch of work listed in this subsection shall be substantially the same as the terms, conditions, and requirements of the contract between the contractor and the State, county, municipality, or other public body.

(c) Project expediter; scheduling. -- The State, county, municipality, or other public body may, if specified in the bid documents, provide for assignment of responsibility for expediting the work on the project to a single responsible and reliable person, firm, or corporation which may be a prime contractor. In executing this responsibility, the designated project expediter may recommend to the State, county, municipality, or other public body whether payment to a contractor should be approved. The project expediter, if required by the contract documents, shall be responsible for the preparation of the project schedule and shall allow all contractors and subcontractors performing any of the branches of work listed in subsection (d) of this section equal input into the preparation of the initial schedule.

(c) (f) Minority goals. -- The State shall have a verifiable ten percent (10%) goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for each project for which a contract or contracts are awarded pursuant to this section, building project. Each city, county, or other public body shall adopt, after a notice and public hearing, an appropriate verifiable percentage goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for which a contract or contracts are awarded pursuant to this section, each building project.